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In re application of:	Hazelton, et al.)
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For:	Stage Assembly Including a Reaction Mass Assembly)
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

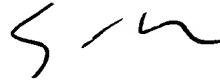
On December 29, 2003, the undersigned attorney for the applicants conducted a telephonic interview with the Examiner David B Esplin. During the interview, the statement regarding the Information Disclosure Statement contained in the Supplemental Notice of Allowability of December 23, 2003 (hereinafter "Supplemental Notice") was discussed. The Supplemental Notice provides that the information disclosure statement filed on 8/1/03 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). The Information Disclosure Statement in question was originally filed by the applicants on February 14, 2003.

In particular, the Examiner clarified that all of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 14, 2003 were considered by the Examiner except for JP 11-362,591. The undersigned informed the Examiner that a concise explanation of relevance was not provided for JP 11-362,591 because JP11,362,591 is the Japanese version of U.S. Application No.

09/721,733, which was submitted concurrently in the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Patent Office on February 14, 2003 and considered by the Examiner.

Dated this 29th day of December, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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